

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, the specification has been amended. Claims 1-37 are pending and allowed.

The Examiner indicates that the application lacks a written Consent of Assignees. As the Examiner is aware, the Consent of Assignees was submitted previously. An additional copy is enclosed herewith.

The Examiner also objects to the specification, asserting that it must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence a notice stating that more than one reissue application has been filed. The specification has been amended accordingly.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner sets forth his reasons for allowing the Application. However, there are discrepancies between the Examiner's reasons and the limitations of the independent claims. For example, the Examiner states that once the perform is the light guide plate is removed from the mold, at least a portion of the supplemental cavity including the molding gate is removed from the preform. On the other hand, independent claim 12, for example, recites a cutting operation, but does not specifically recite that the cutting operation is performed after the light guiding plate is removed from the mold.

The reasons for allowance appear to be an attempt to briefly summarize the limitations of all of the independent claims in a concise statement. Clearly this is a difficult task. The discrepancies between the reasons for allowance and the limitations of the independent claims are believed to be a reflection of the difficulty of the task, not a indication of a lack of understanding on the part of the Examiner. However, if there is any confusion regarding the claim limitations, the Examiner is requested to immediately telephone the undersigned. The claims are limited by the language thereof, not by any reasons for allowance.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

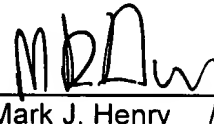
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